

Kidsnetupdate



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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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KIDSNET welcomes new users: Barrington Family Medicine, Anthony Ricci, MD, Harmony Hill Residential School, The Homestead Group Early Intervention program, Portsmouth School District and the Met School School Based Health Center.

Hib Vaccine Supply Update:

The recent recall and subsequent shut down of the production of Merck's PedvaxHIB vaccine has resulted in a shortage of available Hib vaccine for all states. In response to the shortage, CDC is restricting the amount of Sanofi Pasteur's ActHib vaccine states are allowed to order. The CDC has restricted RI ordering to approximately 3,000 doses per month. Therefore, providers are asked to monitor Hib inventory very closely, since orders may not be able to be filled as requested. Please be aware that some provider orders were unable to be filled in January due to the limited allocation and that those providers will be given priority for February orders.

Please continue to adhere to the ACIP interim recommendations for the deferral of the booster dose at 12-15 months of age for all healthy children. Children at high-risk of disease should continue to receive the booster dose. See interim recommendations at:

www.health.ri.gov/immunization/vac_update071220.php. For questions about your vaccine order, please contact Mark Francesconi at 222-5988 or mark.francesconi@health.ri.gov.

2008 Childhood & Adolescent Immunization Schedules

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) *2008 Child & Adolescent Immunization Schedules for persons aged 0-6 years, 7-18 years, and "catch-up schedule"*, are available at:

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/child-schedule.htm.

Rhode Island's *2008 Suggested Schedule for Routine Childhood Immunization Using State-supplied Vaccine* and the list of *Pediatric State-supplied Vaccines* have been updated to reflect the switch in Hib vaccines from PedvaxHIB (3-dose series) to ActHib (4-dose series). The schedule also outlines CDC's new age group recommendations for use of FluMist and Menactra (meningococcal conjugate vaccine-MCV4). Both the schedule and list are accessible at

www.health.ri.gov/immunization/index.php.

Note: the schedule does not reflect guidelines for use of Hib vaccine during the current shortage (see:

www.health.ri.gov/immunization/alerts.php).

Visit our NEW web site at www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet
Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434 with any questions or suggestions

Vaccine Safety Information

A new *Vaccine Safety Information* page has been added to the Immunization Program's website. The page includes a message from the Director of Health about vaccine safety, and links to reliable internet sources about vaccine safety information for providers and parents: www.health.ri.gov/immunization/vaccinesafety.php.

CDC develops a multi-Vaccine VIS (Vaccine Information Statement)

A new 4- page multi-vaccine VIS has been added to the CDC's website. The VIS covers routine vaccines administered from birth-6 months (not influenza), and may be used whenever any combination of DTaP, Hib, IPV, HepB, PCV & rotavirus are administered during the same visit. It is an optional alternative to the individual VIS and can be downloaded from CDC's website at: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-multi.pdf.

To all Immunize For Life adult influenza vaccine enrollees:

Please remember to continue to submit your monthly flu vaccine inventory reports and temperature logs until all your vaccine has been administered. If you have any vaccine remaining above 5% of your total order, you will need to reimburse the Department of Health for those doses at \$11.80 per dose. A reimbursement form has been developed for this. If you have any questions about vaccine reimbursement or any other questions about the program, please call Virginia Paine at 222-7681.

Immunization Report

In January 2008, the following 10 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Westerly Pediatrics, Dr. Dante Ramos, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Dr. Sharon Gunasti, Wakefield Pediatrics, Everett Wilcox Center, Waterman Pediatrics, Spectrum Family Health, Mineral Spring Family Practice and Northwest Health Center,**

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In January 2008, the following 25 pediatric practices used this report: **Dr. Tanya Becker, Cumberland Pediatrics, Chad Brown Health Center, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Dr. Dante Ramos, Dr. Sharon Gunasti, Everett Wilcox Center, Family Treatment Center, Dr. Douglas Foreman, Fatima Health Center, Dr. Soek Lee, East Bay Community Action Program, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Thomas Puleo, Olneyville Health Center, Capitol Hill Health Center, South County Family Medicine, Dr. Jennifer Souther, South County Pediatric Group, Thundermist Health Center of Woonsocket, West Warwick and South County, Spectrum Health Care, Westerly Pediatrics, and Wood River Health Services.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

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